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1. At a meeting of the Communist Party of Uruguay (CPU) held in the Astor Theater on 23 February 1949, Eugenio Gomez, Secretary General of the CPU, is reported to have made the following remarks in a speech on the Palestine situation.

   a. Gomez stressed the importance of the Negeb in Palestine because of its petroleum which, he stated, would always be coveted by American imperialists. The world hopes for peace in Palestine, he continued, but will not make any concessions to these American imperialists. He declared that the time has come for action, not silence. The Uruguayan Jews must resolve to fight for a coalition government in Israel which will represent all political parties. The Jews will receive as always the aid of the Uruguayan people, and the Communist Party will never abandon the Jews.

   b. Gomez continued by saying that shortly after the arrival of Jacob Tsur, the new Minister of Israel to Uruguay, representatives of the CPU had paid their respects to him. At that time, Tsur stated "in his government there will be representatives of all political parties." Later, however, at a banquet in Montevideo attended by the Zionist group in Uruguay, Minister Tsur stated that the Zionist Party was the only group that had effectively and materially aided the movement for the establishment and development of the State of Israel. He assured the Zionist group that the cabinet of the Israel government would exclude all Communists.

   c. Gomez declared that the Israel government is developing into a bourgeois liberal type of government which would not consider the aspirations of the proletariat. The Israel government is backed by Imperialists who are looking for allies to aid them in a war against the Soviet Union. For this reason, the United States is willing to use $35,000,000 as bait to trap the Israel government into yielding to the imperialist maneuver. He said that as a result Jewish people throughout the world must fight for the inclusion of the Communist Party in the Israel government. He further urged all Jews in Uruguay to become members of the CPU.

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2. Minister Taur and Dr. Jacob Hason, Counselor of the Legation of Israel, neither of whom were present at the meeting, were equally criticised by Gomez.

3. Approximately 950 persons, each of whom paid an admission fee of one peso, are reported to have attended the meeting. Leading members of the National Committee of the CPU, such as Antonio Richero, Hector Rodrigues, and Julia Arevalo de Roche, were present. Boris Zagorski, Cultural Attache of the Soviet Legation, also attended the meeting.

4. Justicia, Communist weekly newspaper in Uruguay, reported that telegrams were sent to the Communist Party of Israel and to the Israeli Constituent Assembly (Knesset), encouraging the former to continue the struggle to establish a State of Israel which would be allied with progressive forces against the forces of exploitation, and exhorting the latter to vote for a truly democratic constitution along the lines of the constitutions of the "popular democracies."

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